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1. SUMMARY: GOF REACTION TO MARINE TRAINING AT CAMP CANJUERS IN MID-JANUARY SUGGESTS THAT FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO ADOPT MORE COOPERATIVE APPROACH ON FRANCO-AMERICAN TRAINING EXERCISES. TO PROTECT AND ENCOURAGE THIS DEVELOPMENT, WE MUST INSURE THAT WE DO NOT OVERLOAD OR EMBARRASS FRENCH ATTITUDE. END SUMMARY.

2. NOW THAT MARINE TRAINING AT CAMP CANJUERS JANUARY 10-20 1975 HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO UNDERLINE CHANGE IN FRENCH POLICY WHICH WE BELIEVE THIS EXPERIENCE HAS REVEALED. THE COMPARISON BETWEEN THE FRENCH REACTION TO HOSTILE PUBLICITY AROUSED BY SIMILAR MARINE TRAINING EXERCISE IN JANUARY 1974, AND THEIR REACTION ONE YEAR LATER SHOWS MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN GOF BEHAVIOR. IN 1974 FOR EXAMPLE' FRENCH REACTION WAS TO GIVE IN TO HOSTILE DOMESTIC CRITICS AND INSURE
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THAT CAMP CANJUERS COULD NON BE USED BY U.S. MARINES

FOR REMAINDER OF THAT YEAR. FURTHERMORE, DURING THAT EXERCISE AND AT TIME OF HOSTILE PRESS COVERAGE, GOF EXHIBITED NO WILLINGNESS TO RESPOND FORCEFULLY IN DEFENDING MARINE TRAINING. THIS YEAR, ON THE OTHER HAND, GOF TOOK THE OFFENSIVE TO DEFEND WITH VIGOR AND UNAPOLOGETICALLY FRENCH WILLINGNESS TO PUT CAMP CANJUERS AT DISPOSAL OF U.S. MARINES. MOREOVER, AT THE HEIGHT OF DOMESTIC CRITICISM OF FRANCE'S "COOPERATION" WITH U.S. MARINES, WE RECEIVED FROM GOF ITS APPROVAL FOR A TOTAL OF THREE U.S. MARINE TRAINING PERIODS AT CAMP CANJUERS (INCLUDING THE JANUARY TRAINING), ALTHOUGH WE HAD ONLY ASKED FOR ONE TRAINING PERIOD. IN EXPLAINING THEIR DECISION, FRENCH TOLD US THAT SINCE THEY COULD NOT GRANT OUR REQUEST FOR A SINGLE BATTALION-SIZE TRAINING PERIOD, THEY WERE OFFERING THREE SEPARATE TRAINING OCCASIONS, EACH LIMITED TO GROUPS NO LARGER THAN 200 MARINES.

3. THESE INDICATIONS OF GOF WILLINGNESS TO TALK BACK TO CRITICS PEDDLING ANTI-AMERICANISM AND TO GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO OFFER US TRAINING FACILITIES GOING BEYOND MINIMUM EFFORT THEY COULD HAVE MADE SUGGESTS THAT GOF HAS DECIDED TO MAKE A REAL EFFORT TO CONTRIBUTE TO FRANCO-AMERICAN COOPERATION ON THIS SUBJECT. WE WILL HAVE TO INSURE THAT IN THE FUTURE WE DO NOT OVERLOAD OR EMBARRASS THIS FRENCH WILLINGNESS TO ENLARGE ITS COOPERATIVENESS, AND WE MUST REMAIN VIGILANT TO POSSIBLE FRENCH BACKSLIDING.

4. WE ARE PURSUADED THAT ONE REASON FOR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF MOST RECENT CAMP CANJUERS MARINE TRAINING WAS EXCELLENT FRANCO-AMERICAN CONSULTATION BEFORE AND DURING TRAINING PERIOD, DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE POSSIBLE IRRITANTS TO GOF AND TO MAXIMIZE COORDINATED RESPONSE OF GOF AND USG -- PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO PRESS RELATIONS. WE HOPE THAT THIS MARKS BEGINNING OF CLOSER AND MORE COOPERATIVE PHASE IN OUR POLITICAL/MILITARY RELATIONS WITH FRENCH.

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